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The bus known as the Help Is Here Express, has been traveling across the country since April of last year to provide assistance for people with inadequate health insurance coverage.

Insurance help rolls in

Partnership for Prescription Assistance finds new way to reach uninsured residents

By Jodie Lehrer
Staff Writer

Residents of Salisbury now have a little more help getting the medical care and prescriptions they need thanks to a bright orange bus. The bus, known as the Help Is Here Express, has been traveling across the country since April of last year, to provide assistance for people with inadequate health insurance coverage.

The bus, run by the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), made a stop in Salisbury this past Tuesday to give out information on their organization and to help those in need of assistance get started.

The PPA is an organization that aids those in need by helping them

find different programs and companies across the country that will allow them to get their prescriptions filled for little or no cost.

The Help Is Here Express acts as a traveling enrollment center where participants may take 10-minutes to fill out a 10-question survey to find out which programs best fit their needs. The idea behind the traveling enrollment center is to reduce the amount of paperwork consumers sometimes see as tedious. "We wanted to cut through the time-consuming manner it has been," said Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Researching Manufacturers of America, Ed Belkin. "It's a one-stop clearinghouse."

Since the Help Is Here Express

began its tour, over 1.4 million people have been matched to a PPA. In that same time period the state of Maryland alone has committed more than 17,000 patients.

"We've made this a priority to help people with little income to get access to free, or nearly free prescription drugs," said Belkin.

The Help Is Here Express is open to people of all ages, however mainly targets 20-30 year olds. According to Susan Battistoni, head of the Salisbury University Nursing Department, most people of this age are generally very healthy. At the same time, however, they are at high risk for onsets of many mental problems and because of risky behaviors are at high risk for sexually transmitted

diseases. "Even though 20-30 year olds are usually very healthy, the cost of any of the above can virtually impoverish them financially," said Battistoni.

"The worst prescription medicine is the one that sits on the shelf and does not do anything," said Belkin. For more information on the Help Is Here Express, and the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, one can call 1-888-4PPA-NOW, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-11:00PM, Saturday and Sunday from 8:00a.m. - 10:00 p.m. You can also visit their website at www.pparx.org.

Old Zoo shooting not linked to SU

By Roger Follebout
Staff Writer

On Jan. 20, 2006, residents of Halsey Drive saw someone running through their backyards. Thinking it was a college student returning from an afternoon class, the thought of calling the police never crossed their minds. Later, residents learned that the man had suffered a gun shot wound to the chest and was running for his life.

In what Salisbury police are calling a completely isolated incident and a crime somewhat unrelated to Salisbury University, local resident John Johnson was pronounced dead from his wound when he arrived at Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) that Friday afternoon.

The shooter, Milton Lanier Jr., was intercepted by police when he arrived at PRMC with a gun shot wound to the right thigh. Lanier was arrested and charged with 1st and 2nd degree assault, reckless endangerment and a number of handgun violations.

"The small relation this crime shares with Salisbury University was its close proximity to the student housing complex across the street," says Captain Mark Tyler of the Salisbury Police Department.

That complex, known more popularly as the Old Zoo, was mostly deserted at the time of the shooting. The majority of students that live in those houses were still away on winter break.

Chief Edwin Lashley of SU's Campus Police said, "Even though students were away, it still became our top priority to ensure the physical and mental well being of the students when they returned."

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Workshop addresses ways to teach Islam in school

By Sean Gossard
Staff Writer

An educational workshop, entitled "Content and Strategies for Teaching about the Arab World and Islam" was held Saturday at Salisbury University to teach students and faculty of the area how to properly teach the religion of Islam in schools.

The lecture was held by Audrey Shabbas of the Arabic World and Islamic Resources group. The group was made to help educate teachers and other educators on how to properly teach Arab and Islam in classes. The Islamic Teaching Workshop has been holding lectures for the past 10 years all across the nation.

"I'm glad to see how many people are interested in this topic. I know there are many misconceptions with the Islamic culture and it is good to show the truth," said sophomore Brittany Kiessling.

During the lecture Shabbas discussed cultural geography, history, family and women and gave valuable resources for teaching the religion in classes. She also addressed several misconceptions commonly held about the Islamic culture. She talked about the importance of women in the Islamic regions.

The main tool used in the lecture was the Arab World Studies Notebook. This textbook answered question from the Islamic regions of the world in order to dispel any myths people had about the culture. Also included in the book was a series of quizzes that teachers could use to take back to their classes.

SU sophomore Madelyn Hirsch said, "I learned an incredible amount from this lecture and many of my views on Islam are now completely different."

Also sponsoring the lecture was the Middle East Policy Council, created in 1981 to help expand discussion and knowledge of the Middle East and its connection with the U.S.

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Multinational Species Conservation drives petition

By Contessa Crisostomo
Staff Writer

The Salisbury Zoo is participating in a national petition drive to urge Congress to increase funding to \$2 million for each species covered under the Multinational Species Conservation Fund.

The local zoo is one of 210 zoos and aquariums under the American Zoo & Aquarium Association participating in the drive, which will benefit great apes, tigers, African elephants, marine turtles, Asian elephants and rhinos to help protect them from the dangers in the wild, such as poaching and loss of habitat. The drive aims to send two million signatures to Washington, D.C. by March.

Carrie Samis, education curator at

the Salisbury Zoo, believes that the potential success of this drive could lead to a change in the future. "If zoos and aquariums from across the country are effective in mobilizing their visitors and their communities," Samis says, "this petition drive could have a significant impact on wildlife legislation - not only the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, but also future legislation designed to protect species and critical habitat."

The federal administration's budget for 2006 showed a 25% decrease from 2005 for the Multinational Species Conservation Fund. In addition, recent requests Bush submitted for the 2007 budget have shown increases in homeland security, defense programs and health care,

which causes some to worry about more cuts for environmental protection.

Senior Alyssa Bernido, an Environment Health Science major, says she supports the petition. "With the many problems humans face with the threat of overpopulation and over-exploitation of natural resources, the wild animals face as well," Bernido says. "They're a part of our circle of life, everything is linked to each other some way or another and once something is taken out of the picture, it's only a matter of time before the humans feel the effects as well."

Associate professor of Biology and Bio Environs advisor Judith Stribling agrees, stressing the fact that supporting the preservation of

wildlife benefits humans as well.

"Whenever we focus on species that have wide human appeal, such as marine turtles or elephants, we enable areas to be protected that will benefit many other organisms as well, and ultimately the earth, as land is preserved and resources are devoted to protection of these animals," says Stribling. "\$2 million isn't very much in terms of accomplishing these objectives, but it would at least be a start."

The Salisbury Zoo will be collecting signatures until the end of February.

"Collectively, we could have a powerful voice on Capitol Hill," says Samis.



Photo Courtesy of Salisbury Zoo

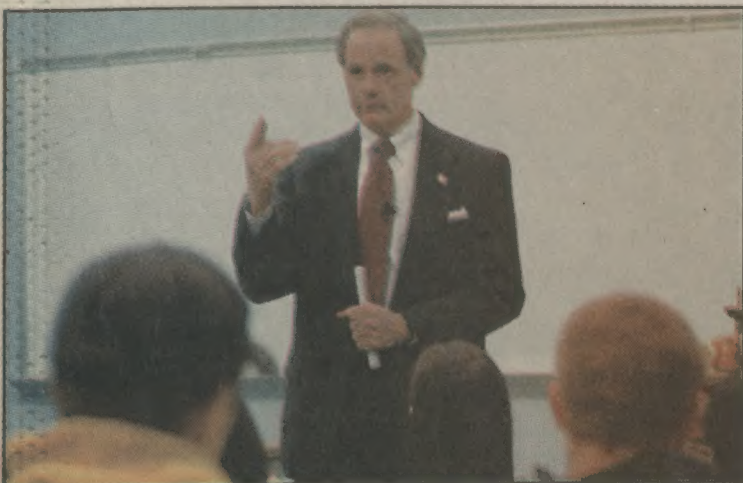
News Brief

Senator Carper comes to SU

Eager students filled Fulton Hall 111 Friday to meet Delaware Senator Tom Carper. Carper discussed with the students his most recent trip to Iraq and discussed his various stances on Middle Eastern policy issues. The Senator later went to the PACE building to meet and discuss these issues with more interested students. Justin Ritter who met with Carper stated, "This Senator is the kind of leader we need to keep this country moving forward."

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News briefs

Kingsley Speaks on South Darfur Civil Rights

Kingsley speaks on human rights violations in South Darfur, Sudan, 7 p.m. Monday, February 20, in the Ritual Room of Salisbury University's Scarborough Student Leadership Center. Darfur has been characterized by leaders as the one of the worst humanitarian areas in the world, where genocide and other practices violate human rights. Kingsley most recently spent nine months in South Darfur as a protection officer with an international non-governmental organization. Sponsored by SU's chapter of Amnesty International, her talk is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

John Hughes Film Festival

From Clark Griswold's cross-country trip to Wally Bueller, writer and director John Hughes is considered the master of 1980s teen cinema. SU showcases five of his best-known movies during its John Hughes Film Festival as part of SU's "80s on the 80th" spring cultural events series. All screenings are at 7 p.m. Films in the series include: Monday, February 13: National Lampoon's Vacation; Monday, February 20: Sixteen Candles; Monday, February 27: The Breakfast Club; Monday, March 6: Pretty in Pink; and Monday, March 13: Ferris Bueller's Day Off. All screenings are in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6271.

Delegate Earns SU Award

Delegate Sheila E. Hixson (D-20-Montgomery) was recently honored as the 2005-2006 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow in a ceremony held at the Maryland General Assembly. The award, sponsored by Salisbury University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), was presented by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, in the presence of students, faculty, alumni and administrators who attended SU's annual Day at the Legislature. The award is designed to honor outstanding legislators for the time and effort they spend on behalf of their fellow citizens. The funding for the award was made possible by contributions to Salisbury University in memory of John R. Hargreaves, a member of the Maryland General Assembly from Caroline County. As part of the fellowship program, Hixson will meet with a group of PACE students later in the legislative session and afterward will come to the SU campus to speak to students and community members.

Islam

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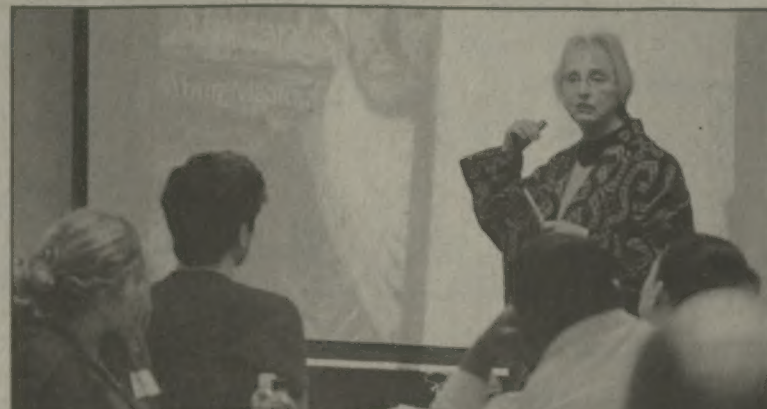
One of the goals of the Middle East Policy Council is to create an environment in which people can learn and adequately teach Islamic and Arabic topics.

At the end of the lecture people were aloud to create their own Islamic related art.

"In today's society this topic is extremely relevant and I was pretty happy to be able to come to this

event," said education major Sam Jones of the lecture.

These workshops are being set up and taking place all across the nation. For more information you can visit www.mepc.org or visit a weekly prayer service every Friday in the Spiritual Room of the Guerrieri Center.



Audrey Shabbas held a workshop for SU students and local teachers concerning the correct teaching of Islamic culture in schools at the Wicomico County Board of Education Saturday.

Shooting

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Captain Tyler also remarks, "Being that this was a very rare occurrence, we will maintain the same amount of police patrol in the Old Zoo as before the shootings. Not since 1998 have there been any reports of shootings around that area."

The assurances of local law enforcement seem to placate residents of the Old Zoo. Geoff Leadbeater, a current student at SU, says he feels the police force around the zoo is truly protective. He also has never felt unsafe when walking around outside. When a random collection of other residents were polled, the majority agreed with Leadbeater's remarks. Although the shooting was

determined to be unrelated to students, authorities from the Salisbury Police Department and SU Campus Police urge students to be proactive in regards to their personal safety. The following guidelines were put forth by the police departments for student residents:

- Know who is a resident and not. Make a mental note of anyone suspicious.

- Do not allow people into your house you do not know.

- When outside at night, travel in groups.

Anyone wishing to report suspicious activity or with safety concerns may contact the Salisbury Police Department at (410) 749-5151 or Salisbury University Police Department at campus extension 36222.

SU is getting it right at the Writing Center

By Cara Lee

Staff Writer

Students at Salisbury University are well underway in this semester's spring classes. Fall exams and final papers are long forgotten in a flurry of winter break activities, but at Salisbury the Writing Center begins the new school year celebrating International Writing Center Awareness week, Feb. 12-

Feb. 18. The center opened November 1st, and has already had over 300 sessions with students from various majors and courses. Nicole Munday, director of the Writing Center says "we've even helped some computer science and foreign language courses out with papers". The consultants at the Writing Center are trained for a semester to ensure that stu-

dents are receiving the highest standards of professional service. In its first year of operation, the Writing Center has become a member of the International Writing Center Association (IWCA), and the Mid-Atlantic Writing Center Association (MAWCA). Consultants Matt Evans and Elisabeth Mander will be presenting at the MAWCA conference on

April 8 in Annapolis.

In light of International Writing Center Awareness week, the Writing Center has asked we reprint the list of Frequently Asked Questions, which can be viewed at www.salisbury.edu/iwcc, along with the hours of operation and more detail about the Center.

Frequently asked questions about the Writing Center

1. Do I have to make an appointment?

No, we accept walk-ins. But if you would like to meet at a specific time, you can make an appointment with us by stopping by or calling 410-543-6332. Keep in mind that each session lasts about 30 minutes.

2. Can I drop off my paper and have someone correct it for me without having to stay?

No, the writing center is here to engage you, encourage you, and improve your writing. We will go through the writing process with you so that in the future you can use the skills you obtain here. The staff here will help you with many other things besides proofreading—like brainstorming, creating a thesis, organizing a paper, and much more.

3. Can you help me if I don't have a finished draft?

Yes, at the writing center we are here to help you at any stage of your writing. If you are at the beginning of an assignment and have ideas but nothing written down, we can give you feedback. If you think you have a fairly polished draft, we can also look at your work together. You can receive assistance at any stage in your personal writing process.

4. What kind of assignments can I bring?

All of them. The staff at the writing center is trained to help not only writers of English papers, but also writers working on a wide array of assignments such as lab reports, research papers, reviews, lesson plans, and much more. We are here to help students in all disciplines.

5. Are the sessions confidential?

Yes, the sessions are not reported to your professor or anyone else outside of the writing center. Your questions, thoughts, and ideas stay between you and your consultant, unless you decide to tell someone about the session. This environment is different than a meeting with your professor because we will never be in a position of having to grade you. We are here to offer you feedback and to support what you are learning in the classroom, not to judge you.

6. How do I know that your consultants will be able to help me?

The consultants at our center have been selected for their strong writing skills. They have also been through extensive training, making them familiar with many different types of writing. It is possible to request a certain consultant if they are available during the time you wish to meet. Additionally, if you want to work with a consultant who has a background in a certain subject area, our consultants represent a variety of majors and minors—not just English.

7. How can I prepare myself for my visit to the writing center?

A hard copy of your work-in-progress is helpful when attending a session (although we do have a few computers and a printer that you may use). It is also useful to bring along a copy of the prompt or the assignment if your professor gave you one. Also, please give some thought to what you would like to focus on during your session. This will give you and your consultant a starting point for your consultation, and it will help the two of you use your 30-minute-session most efficiently.

8. Can I come to the center for help with a group project?

Yes, we can work with you individually or in small groups.

9. What if I have a very long paper or if I am a graduate student—can I come to the center for help?

Yes, if you have a very long paper and you do not think that the 30-minute-session will be enough, just mention it when you come in and we will try to make arrangements for a longer session with you. Graduate students are more than welcome to visit the center and the consultants will be able to work with you. Undergraduates are our first priority at this time, but we are here for all members of the Salisbury University community.

Crime beat

02/07/06

05:35 PM Weapons Violation - An employee reported a weapons violation in Pocomoke Hall. Investigation by University Police officers resulted in the recovery of the weapons. University judicial charges are pending.

02/03/06

00:35 AM CDS Violation - An employee reported a CDS violation in St. Martin Hall. Investigation by University Police officers resulted in the recovery of CDS paraphernalia. Criminal charges and university judicial charges are pending.

02/02/06

09:40 AM Theft - A student reported a bicycle had been stolen from a bike rack located near the University Center. The bicycle was unlocked.

02/01/06

01:30 PM Theft - An employee reported a wallet & checkbook were stolen from inside Devilbliss Hall office.

01/31/06

03:00 PM Theft - A student reported an unattended cellular telephone was stolen from inside Maggs Gym.

01/31/06

03:00 PM Theft - A student reported that a cellular phone had been stolen from an unlocked locker in Maggs Gym. While University Police officers were taking the report, another student reported an unattended backpack was stolen from the same area. The original reporting student left the building and was approached by a subject (non-student) attempting a sell a laptop computer. This alert student immediately notified University Police, who located the subject. Subsequent investigation revealed the subject had stolen the cellular phone and backpack from Maggs Gym. The laptop computer had been stolen from an unlocked office in Caruthers Hall. The subject was arrested.

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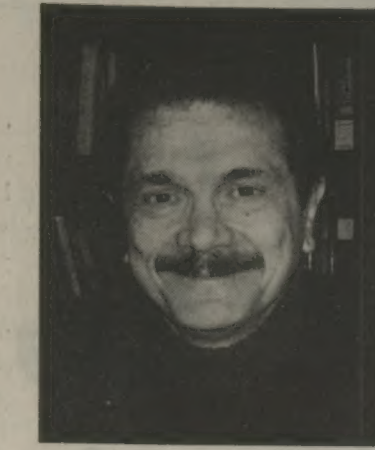
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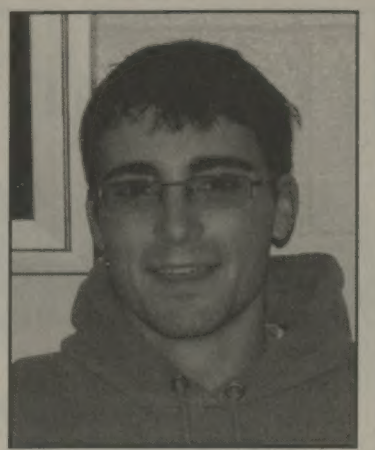
Overheard What would be worse: getting dumped or being forgotten on Valentines Day? Why?



Dean DeFino - Faculty: Assoc. Prof. Math/Comp. - Getting dumped because I was dumped so many times just before Valentines so I know it really hurts. Being forgotten can always be rationalized



Niki Cadet-Freshman-Being dumped is much worse. Its the day to show you care about the people close to you. Nobody should get heartbroken on a day like that.



Stephen DeHart-Junior- Being forgotten on Valentines Day because relationships go bad all the time, but its no good when the person you care about forgets about you. Plus you dont get a present.



Christina Klamp - Sophomore - Being forgotten because at least if you were dumped the person wouldn't have forgotten you, but rather remembered to dump you.



Devin Feist - Sophomore - Getting forgotten because you are still technically with someone therefore you cant go out with anyone else.



Beth Landry - Sophomore - Being forgotten because when you're dumped at least the person was outright and honest with how they feel.

From the Editor Driving American policy

By Justin Ritter

Editorial Editor

What drives American foreign policy to save other countries throughout the world from oppression? Is it that we liberate all those oppressed to display our virtue, or only to liberate demoralized countries for later exploitation? Freedom is more than a couple of rights. Freedom is the independence from foreign economies controlling domestic decisions. It seems as though America only makes the jump to save struggling countries lately, for a potential profit, rather than good will.

Political ideology tries to tell us we are fighting a moral fight, but it seems our American businesses are really making the decisions. For example, our political prisoner Saddam Hussein has been accused of committing mass genocide. Justification has been given to the American people that we are the gracious liberators of society through the anticipated conviction of this man.

Most American citizens do not even know what village was gassed

by Saddam or even the situation that caused it. If the people of America only understood what Stephen C. Pellerie (the CIA's senior political analyst on Iraq during the Iran-Iraq war) knew on the issue, maybe their opinion on this matter would be changed.

In Pellerie's study of the gassing of Halabja, he noticed when Iraqis did gas Halabja, the village was occupied by Iranian soldiers as well as Kurdish civilians. In the gassing many Kurds died as well as Iranian soldiers, but Pellerie states in a study conducted by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency that the Iranian gas retaliation towards Iraqi soldiers killed the majority of the Kurds in that village. Is it right that the Kurds died from both Iraqis and Iranian exchanges? Obviously it is not. But genocide should not be attributed in this concern.

Is it a coincidence that Saddam is being tried for genocide? A free Iraq means a free open market for American businesses to potentially monopolize Iraq. The only one that was stopping American businesses from industrializing was Hussein. So is it a coincidence

Hussein has been sought to be ousted, maybe not?

Meanwhile, genocide is really occurring in the Western Sudanese region called Darfur (www.savedarfur.org). Over 400,000 people from Darfur have been destroyed by their own government since 2003! The United Nations has indicated that this is a problem and something should be done. Surprisingly, no major attempts have been made to stop the Sudanese government by the U.S. or the U.N. Also surprising, there are no economic benefits for America in helping Sudan or in Darfur. Maybe this is why 400,000 have been killed and no major attempts have been made to stop the Sudanese government. As the world and America turns away, more people in Darfur are dying.

Our war efforts should really go towards the protection of civilians who are being wiped out by their own governments today. It seems as though the only countries that will be saved by America have to be potentially exploitable. Isn't saving a human life the same no matter where it is?

The overlooked transfer student

By Zach Owens

I am particularly concerned for all the transfer students who I believe are being overlooked. I am a new transfer student, who is majoring in business administration. My experience, along with many other transfer students I talked with, has left me feeling neglected as I began their first semester.

After the meeting we picked classes. When it came to picking classes, I got really confused. I was under the impression I was supposed to see an advisor before I registered for classes, but instead they threw all the transfer students in the computer lab in Fulton Hall and let us pick our classes. Luckily I planned ahead and chose my classes the previous night. I did receive a recommended list of classes, but it turned out to be useless because the list did not count my last semester's credits. At the last two colleges I attended, I had to see an advisor to make sure the classes coincided with my major. When we were in the lab picking classes they called every faculty member in the room "advisors" which I thought was ridiculous.

When I asked an "advisor" if this class was required, he could not answer my question. So I continued on picking classes that I needed which were part

of the core curriculum, because I knew I could not go wrong doing that.

In the future all the advisors should come out for orientation and split up the students by majors into even smaller groups like five to ten students. The advisors should physically check the students (possibly individually) to make sure they are taking the right courses.

Other problems that I encountered along the way were the lack of offices open to students during orientation. I understand that most of these faculty members were on break, but I believe that on the days of orientation more of the key faculty should be present. Some of the main offices like the registrars office were open but health services, career services and other areas were not.

I believe the transition phase into a collegiate institution is very important for new students. I feel that transfer students are thrown into the mix without any direction, similar to ice and a margarita mix in a blender. I would like to think that these problems will be resolved for the future transfer students, but it is too early to tell.

~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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Solution to last week's sudoku puzzle

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Community influence on Field Day fosters student resentment

By James McVicker

I think it is absurd that the Salisbury community seems to continually govern this university's actions. Just as in our new housing restrictions, the community once again has landed its IRON FIST on controlling an event that has signified Salisbury tradition to many people. The irony of it is that the students of Salisbury make up a very large per-

centage of the local community. Yet, I wonder if the IRON FIST is made of a sour few who wish to control the actions and proceedings of the collegiate body. Taking away a tradition like this could be detrimental to this schools thriving growth. If perspective students perceive that the community controls the universities daily life and events, (as they are more and more) we can expect to see a drop in the 8.5%

increase in incoming students, leaving that \$51 million dollar benefit from the governor to virtually go to waste. We as students and ADULTS, and I a senior at the university will not allow the community to control our actions. We as the students will create our own field day. I have been to other school traditional events and the partying there is much worse then here at Salisbury and their community

doesn't feel the need to be the enforcer. We will look at the laws here in Wicomico County and fulfill the tradition that our PROUD alumni have created and fulfilled. In support to the previous comments please email me at

jm08070@salisbury.edu

DONT LET THE TRADITION STOP HERE



Photo courtesy of the Evergreen Many students feel that Field Day showed the more school spirit than any other event the school has hosted.

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Out of the suggestion box

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around the SU campus. The President's Office staff seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be changed, but when not, a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box in the Guerrieri Center, one student submitted this concern:

Please take the pool table out of ear-range of the Guerrieri Center Lounge!

The guys who play there everyday all day (at least 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) are loud, obnoxious, and speak profane language. People come to the lounge as a place to rest or do homework in a quiet environment. Ever since the pool table was moved out into the hall-way, concentration and rest are impossible because of the noise!

Isn't there somewhere else the table can go where the noise will not disturb people looking for peace and quiet?

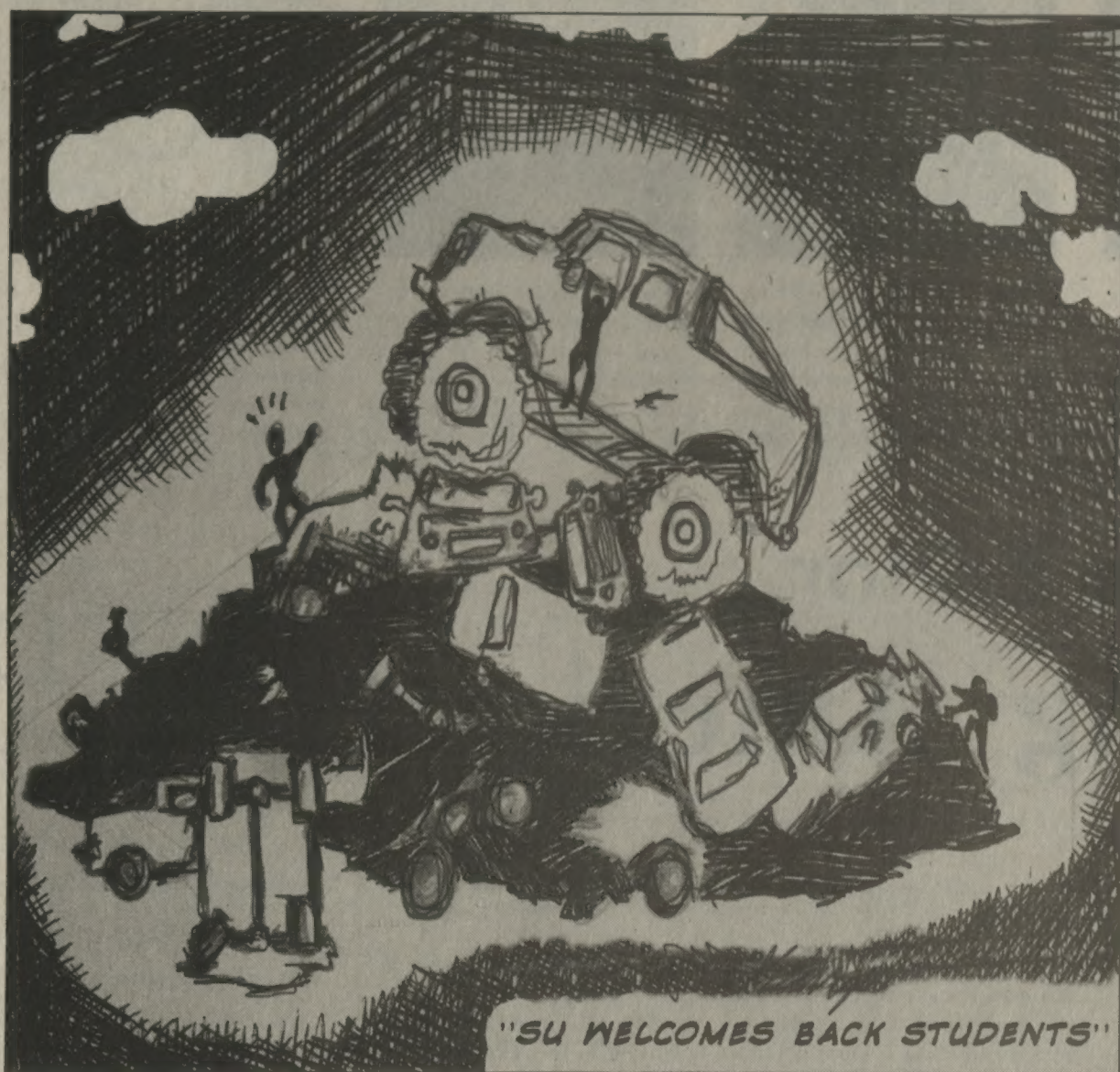
Those of us who commute to Salisbury from up to an hour away deserve some place quiet to do work, rest, and eat in between classes.

Becky Calloway
(Commuter Student)

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director, Guerrieri University Center offered the following response:

I, too, was a commuter while completing my undergraduate degree and can certainly appreciate the need to have a quiet space that you can work, rest and eat in between classes. The location of the pool table and ping pong tables are the only spaces available, other than in the seating area of the lounges at this time. If students are being obnoxious it is a behavior certainly not endorsed by the University Center staff or the University. This will be addressed because we all must learn to respect others. I am not sure if you are aware that there is another lounge on the second floor of the University Center adjacent to the Writing Center. This space is considerably more quiet and may suit your needs better. If you have any suggestions or ideas they are certainly welcome. Thank you for sharing your concern.

What parking problem?



Cartoon by Kevin Sterling

Setting the record straight

By Matthew Evans

In response to the new editor's letter to the public, I'm writing to voice my concern about the image our voice is portraying to the community. Our paper is not simply our voice. It is a manifestation of our presence beyond campus. Also, it is read by the Salisbury community, administrators, faculty, prospective students, and prominent figures from the area. How SU students are perceived impacts legislation and the distribution of grants and state funding that we all rely on for our studies. The money the school has

received from the state is undeniably important to our university. However, the general assumption of the Feb. 6 edition of The Flyer portrays me as a student concerned mostly with what I can and can't get from someone else. The "SU receives \$51 million from Ehrlich" article is front page material. So would be the cancellation of Field Day, if it were published when that decision was announced a few months ago. Combined, these articles misrepresent my concerns. They seem to tell of a student-body who is dissatisfied, wrongly accused, and persecuted with a creative sense of entitlement.

I don't think that correctly describes us. I believe the articles about black history month and the relief effort our campus ministry has provided in Mississippi are more worldly. These are the kind of responses SU students deserve to receive for all of our great work. The fact that Field Day was cancelled is symptomatic of our degenerating image. Perhaps with more public works like the ones our fraternities, sororities, clubs and religious organizations already do, (highlighted in The Flyer, of course) the burning couches can be forgiven, and Field Day reinstated.

Insensitivity hurts everyone

By Sehmina Jaffer Chopra

As an American-Muslim, I am very saddened and deeply troubled by the escalating violence in parts of the Middle East and Asia due to the defamatory cartoons of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) published in some European countries. The violence is unnecessary and totally goes against the teachings of Islam.

There is an issue of insensitivity regarding the showing of Prophet Muhammad, however it goes beyond that. Muslims are offended and highly insulted at the slanderous

depiction of Prophet Muhammad as a terrorist. This outrageous cartoon and blatant disregard for the sanctity and holiness of Prophet Muhammad serves as a slap in the face to 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide.

If a newspaper published malicious and defamatory depictions of Jesus, Mary, Moses, (peace be upon them), Gandhi, Mother Theresa, or Pope John Paul II (May God rest their souls in peace), there would be world wide outrage. People need to understand that this goes beyond merely a right of freedom of press or freedom of speech. This is a case of

slander in the highest degree.

We live in a world where very little is sacred and holy. In the name of secularism, respect for religion is thrown out the window. President Bush and the Vatican condemned these malicious cartoons and now the rest of the world needs to join in to show their stance against these irresponsible European papers.

As citizens of the earth, we need to realize that we are all brothers in the human family and must show respect for each other's faith and convictions. Our survival to live in peace and harmony depends upon it.

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Valentine's Day Commerical scam or celebration of love?

By Lauren Mitchell
Staff Writer

Another year has passed and it is time once again to celebrate that fantastic holiday that has every heart filled with love and romance: Valentine's Day. The very day that adds a bounce to students' steps as they walk to class and makes the sun shine just a little brighter overhead.

No one could possibly mistake this holiday for any other - the signs are everywhere. Cheery hearts stuck to dorm windows, the incredibly pink and red candy aisle at Wal-mart (which demands an incredible amount of will power to pass by), and the seemingly increased number of floral shops on the corner that you never knew existed before.

But is Valentine's Day really all it is cracked up to be? Some say that the holiday is just a commercial scam used to profit card and candy companies. The U.S. Census Bureau has on record that 192 million Valentine's Day cards are purchased each year, making Feb. 14 the "second most popular greeting card occasion." Another fact is that Valentine's Day is also big with procrastinators. 60% of all the cards that are purchased for the holiday are bought within six days prior to the day.

So does anyone really plan ahead for Valentine's Day or is it just a guilt trip that sends guys scrambling to the nearest grocery store for flowers and stuffed animals? Or perhaps it is a fearful attempt to avoid an unpleasant fight with a girlfriend?

It seems that the day is heavily

geared toward the female gender. No one ever hears men running around screaming "only a week until Valentine's Day!" except of course if it is while they are flinging open a phone book to call for last minute dinner reservations.

Perhaps those who just cannot get into the delightful spirit of Valentine's Day are preoccupied by tragic events that have occurred on Feb. 14 in previous years. Take for example the romantic St. Valentine's Day Massacre when Al Capone's gangsters gunned down seven members of an opposing gang in a Chicago garage. Or the love filled murder of British explorer, Captain Cook, by natives in 1779. Or even the reason for the season of course, the beheading of St. Valentine by Claudius II in 270.

Though many people do get caught up in all the hype of Valentine's Day, there are some who do not welcome it. One anonymous protester of the holiday expresses his opinion by saying, "Love isn't a one-day a year event sponsored by Hallmark, Hershey Kisses, and the American Floral Association. If you can't show someone you love them the other 364, then what's the point?"

So, if you aren't in the lovey dovey Valentine's mood, do not worry. There are still good things that could come of Feb.14. Remember all of the Valentine's candy that will be on sale the day after and the release of the sweetly romantic SAW II on DVD.



By Jessica Gessaman
Staff Writer

Who in the world is St. Valentine? Trying to discover the true story of St. Valentine, the patron saint of Valentine's Day, is like trying to understand why sweetheart candies are still given on Feb. 14.

Legends abound of the origin of St. Valentine's Day, a Christian holiday with remnants of Ancient Roman traditions, and the Saint for which the day is named. Many believe the day commemorates the death of Valentine around 270 A.D., while others contend the day owes its observance to Lupercalia, a pagan Roman fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the god of agriculture.

During the celebration, young bachelors would pick a name from a large pot containing those of all single young women. The two would then be paired for the year, often encouraging marriage.

The story continues that early Christian clergy, disapproving of the ritual, encouraged the substitution of saints' names for those of women. The person was to emulate the ideals of their chosen saint for the next twelve months.

Around 498 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day, in what some view as an effort to divert attention from the pagan festival. The Roman ritual of pairing young men and women was also outlawed.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, three different mar-

tyrs of the name Valentine are mentioned in early martyrologies under the date of Feb. 14. Which, if any, is the true patron of love and romance, is unknown.

A popular story suggests that during the reign of Claudius II, Valentine, a priest, continued to marry young men and women, despite the Roman Emperor's ban on marriage. Claudius, believing unmarried men made better soldiers, jailed Valentine for his defiance.

In prison, Valentine was brought gifts and letters by sympathetic young townspeople; one in particular was the jailor's daughter. The day before his beheading, the priest sent a love letter to the girl signed, "From your Valentine."

The supposed remains of St. Valentine were presented as a gift in 1835 to Irish Priest, Father John Spratt, by Pope Gregory XVI. A black and gold casket, containing the gift, can be viewed every Valentine's Day at the Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1969, uncertainty concerning Valentine and the holiday's origin resulted in the Catholic Church removing St. Valentine's Day from its calendar of official celebrations. Ironically, in the year of love, there wasn't much love for the man who supposedly embodied it.

Amidst the confusion, one thing is certain; no matter the design or origin, a day of love is worth a little mystery.

SU shares the love with the community

By Amber Smith
Staff Writer

Not only is love in the air for couples of SU but also for several student organizations as they share this love with the community.

Organizations like Habitat for Humanity will spend the month of February building houses for citizens of Salisbury. Not only will members of Habitat for Humanity devote their time during this Valentine's season to constructing homes for individuals in the community but they will also contribute to the new Habitat for Humanity Home Improvement Outlet Center here in Salisbury.

Perhaps couples will give the gift of song this year in place of flowers and

candy. If that seems like an excellent alternative, perhaps one should join the SU gospel choir as they spend each weekend in February singing at various churches throughout Salisbury. Public Relations Representative of the SU Gospel Choir, Salimah Mercer states, "We're excited about spreading the love of Jesus in school and in the community." To end the month of February, the Gospel Choir will be performing at Midnight Musical in Princess Anne on Feb. 25.

For all those last minute lovers who haven't found the perfect gift for their Valentine, they should be sure to buy sweets for their sweetie from the Bake Sale sponsored by the SU Step Squad on Feb. 14 in

Henson Science Hall. After that, they could treat their special someone to a basketball game in Maggs gym on Feb. 15, where the SU Step Squad will perform some of their latest steps.

If that's not enough, be sure to top things off with the SU Step Squad's PJ. Party on Feb. 18. The SU Step Squad is also finding time to lend a helping hand. President of the SU Step Squad, Tiffany Crawley, states, "We hope to increase our community services by volunteering in different organizations such as The Soup Kitchen, The Humane Society, and The Holly Center."

With so much love on SU's campus, it would be difficult not to catch Valentine's Day spirit.

Senior Loryn Cauthen, states, "Most college kids don't have enough money to spend on Valentine's Day, so it's a great relief when clubs and organizations provide free activities in which everyone can participate." Junior Loni Bailey, agrees. "Seeing the clubs and organizations get excited about Valentine's Day will hopefully encourage all students to make it an enjoyable day for everyone, not just their special someone," she says.

If students are not yet feeling the spirit of Valentine's Day, perhaps it would be best if they joined Habitat for Humanity, The SU Gospel Choir, or The SU Step Squad. Who knows? They just might find that special someone.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Gospel Choir is just one of the campus clubs that is reaching out to the community this February.

Avoid breaking the bank this Valentine's Day

By Kristen Collins
Staff Writer

As a college student, planning a fun, creative, and inexpensive Valentine's Day date can be a difficult task. Still, if one puts some serious thought into it, there are plenty of opportunities to make your Valentine's Day memorable.

Senior Ashley Wilmoth says, "Dinner and a movie is always a safe bet, or a scrapbook of memories if you have been [with your significant other] for a while."

Coming up with cheap gift ideas is also a big aspect, since roses and chocolates tend to get out of hand. Senior Adam Atwood suggests writing a poem, painting a picture or even giving a massage to your date for Valentine's Day.

Although gifts are a big part of the "day of love," the date is what makes

the night. Some ideas for a great time without a lot of cash lost could be a walk on the beach, or a picnic, if the weather allows.

Homemade dinner by candlelight with little "Hug Me" hearts on the table could be a nice touch for a night in with that special someone. SU student Caroline Seider believes, "Going to a cheap concert to see an unknown band is cool, and then just spending time afterward with your Valentine is a great way to spend the night."

Valentine's Day is about letting that special person know how much they mean to you, but proving it doesn't have to break the bank. For instance, making a homemade card is enough to get the point across without going overboard.

There are other options that are just as meaningful if you don't have a

date. Getting together with some friends to see a movie, go to dinner, or even just hang out at home is a great way to show them how much they are loved.

If, in fact, Valentine's Day is going to be celebrated amongst friends this year, a fun idea would be to exchange those 99-cent boxes of chocolates with one another. If all else fails, don't forget there's always the \$2 box of elementary school style Valentine's cards to fall back on.

Whether one has the cash to spend or not, stressing out on the cost shouldn't be of concern. Get creative and know that any Valentine's Day date has the potential to be great.

Anyone will be thrilled that someone put the effort in at all to make their Valentine's Day one to remember.

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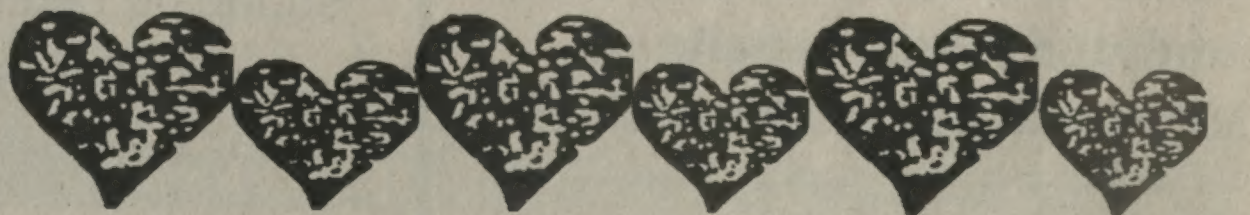
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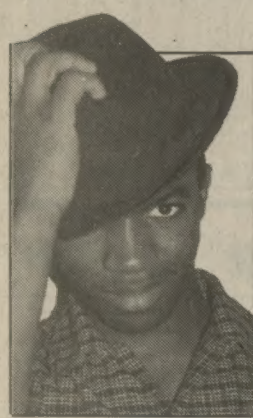
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Valentine's Day is weird. I've never had a Valentine's date. Why? I'm not sure, but it may have to do with the fact that I'm not too thrilled about it. But for once I'd like to have a date with a guy on that day, is that so hard to ask for? Things don't have to be so traditional that he'd have to feel obligated afterwards; I'd just like a date on that day.

If things aren't so traditional, why not ask the guy you may like or just a friend that you know for a Valentine's date. Tell him that you've never had one and would like to spend the day with someone. There doesn't have to be any pressure. Make sure he doesn't have a lady of his own and that doesn't mean you scare her off if he has one. It just means you'll have to look elsewhere. If you aren't so keen on asking, give a guy some hints that you'd like to do something on that day. Movie, bowling, laser tag, or whatever the case may be. Valentine's Day is on a Tuesday and if your Tuesday is packed, then you can take a rain check for weekend. Movies play on campus and there are places are to go out to. Try to be enthusiastic when talking about places to go and that you're interested. I'm not sure how many guys will take it if you act down in the dumps about this day. Who knows, even though it may be the traditional thing to do, some guy might just ask you out.

What do I get her? None of that red roses business advice either. I need something new, and something fresh.

Hey now, giving flowers as a gift isn't a bad idea. No one said you had to be traditional all with the red roses anyway. Tulips, lilies, orchids, or whatever you'd like. Make a mix of it. But if you want something new, look in the cookbook. Why not make her something if you want to be new age about it. Go to Emeril's website and check out what he's got going on. Okay, so fine, you want to try something even more new than that. Why not trying making a card from scratch? We're not talking your average card here, make the card bigger and with more effort. Michael's is the perfect place to go for that because you can get things from little artworks, to stencil letters, to creative colorful papers in which you can customize the card to your liking. Ideas for gifts don't have to be limited to bears and a massive amount of chocolate if you think that's too old. Why not get her a gift certificate to a massage parlor or a spa. Maybe some place where she can be pampered and spoiled. OR do it yourself, turn your room into a massage parlor, just as long as you don't harm the girl by giving her an incorrect massage.

If you were stuck in a dilemma of trusting either someone who said that your significant other cheating or your mate saying it wasn't true, what do you do? I've researched this and I'm still not sure. I've asked a few people who know of him and that girl. I've only received mixed ideas or facts. "He did, don't trust him" or "No, she's only doing this to get at you" what do you do?

My first question to you is what do you feel in your heart? Don't blind yourself with feelings like "oh, he's my boyfriend so I'll trust anything he'll say," or "she's my best friend, screw him." Investigating is important if that actually has come up because if he is cheating, what is he doing with that other girl? Who has that girl been with? What if she has something? He needs to know that if he does cheat he is not only hurting the one he's in a relationship with, but also he may be jeopardizing your health as well. It should just be you and him in a room. No friends, nobody. Bring the topic up in a matter where you only want to know the truth and not to confront him with it. Being honest with how you feel will hopefully be enough for him to be honest if he is doing something. However, if you do not feel satisfied, you may need to take matters into your own hands by finding out what really is happening. Be cautious though, if he was telling the truth and you do not trust him, you could mess up big time. It is a very tough dilemma.

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Students volunteer at the zoo

By Contessa Crisostomo
Staff Writer

Senior Erica Marvel is graduating in May with a degree in English and hopes to be a publisher. The last thing she thought she'd do is work with animals, but an opportunity with the English department got her an internship at the Salisbury Zoo a year ago and she has been volunteering there since her internship ended. "It is a fun experience," Marvel says. "Everyone has such a great attitude."

Marvel and other volunteers undergo 15 hours of classroom training and 15 hours of on-the-job training prior to becoming a volunteer. A \$15 training fee is required with the application and once fully trained, volunteers must work 50 hours minimum per year.

To some volunteers, though, that's nothing.

Sophomore Lynn Culver was an intern at the zoo over the summer and worked every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "I loved going to work," she says. "It was so much fun every day. They're the best people to work with. Everyone's very welcoming."

Culver is a Biology major and says she wants to work with animals after she graduates. As an intern

and volunteer, she has helped by taking care of the animals used for education, which involves cleaning their cages and feeding them.

Her favorite part about her experience at the zoo was helping with programs at various summer camps for kids. "We would choose three animals, a bird, a mammal and a reptile, and give a 45-minute presentation about them and let the kids touch the animals," says Culver.

Marvel says that one of her favorite experiences with the zoo was being able to share information about the zoo with the SU community on Fun Day when she brought a boa constrictor to the festivities. "It was great to share the zoo with the campus," she says. Marvel was not only working directly with animals, but was able to participate in a study with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) about why people go to zoos and information about conservation.

"We also do a coastal cleanup around the community," Marvel says. "[The zoo] does a lot for Salisbury. They're not just a zoo."

Being a college student, it is important to take into effect class schedules and Culver says the zoo was accommodating. "They're very



Photo Courtesy of the Salisbury Zoo
Lynn Culver dressed up as a gorilla for Salisbury Zoo's "Night of the Living Zoo." Culver volunteers regularly at the Zoo.

flexible," she says. "You just give them your class schedule and they'll fit [your volunteer hours] around that."

Marvel says that she enjoys the atmosphere the most. "They are not demanding and really appreciate everything you do for them," Marvel says. "Being one of the few free zoos in the country, they really value their volunteers."

Carrie Samis, the Education Curator at the Salisbury Zoo,

believes that volunteering there is an enriching experience. "As a student, and as a contributing member of the community, volunteering offers a unique opportunity to help others and yourself!" says Samis.

The Salisbury Zoo is now recruiting volunteers and will host tours for prospective volunteers on Feb. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information on becoming a volunteer, call 410-546-3440 or email zooed@salisburyzoo.org.



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

I was bored online one day and saw a quiz testing ones knowledge on poetry. I scored very high on the test so they offered me a chance to submit a poem in hopes of having it published. And I won.

How did you feel when you won the contest?
I of course felt flattered and excited. I was impressed that I had won the contest.

What was your inspiration for writing the poem?
Fall was coming in and it was a breezy day. It was early evening and the weather was turning cool. The scenery mostly inspired my poem as well as the colors around me.

What do you enjoy more: graphic design or writing poetry?

I truly enjoy both. I enjoy the creative process that takes place with both activities. I do many creative things. I garden as well as produce and sell my own paintings.

Do you plan to continue to write and publish your poetry?
Yes I do. I have actually received more offers to publish more poetry from publishing companies in England, as well as a few others. I am also thinking about adding more to my published poem, "My Autumn Backyard".

What advice do you have for aspiring poets?
I would have to say to be creative, be yourself and explore any opportunity that seems good. It worked for me.

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Record breaking SU swimmer still finds time to maintain 4.0 GPA

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Ralph Parker is a junior, majoring in accounting at Salisbury University who holds many responsibilities. He is a member of the University swim team, a student patrol with the University Police, a part of The Outdoor club as well as taking four upper level business classes - stepping down from 6 classes last semester. Ralph is someone who believes that the will to succeed and getting plenty of sleep is the key to his success. His every-day tasks may be able to wear down the average person, but this star swimmer is one who seems to shine a little brighter than the rest.

Out of all the three years at SU, what are the accomplishments that you are most proud of?

My top accomplishments in my three years have been to, one, I was able to achieve a 4.0 GPA and two, I was a part of a record-breaking relay team in the 2004-2005 season, where we broke the 200 Freestyle Relay Record.

How did it feel to know you had broken a record?

It felt wonderful. To know that no matter what it would be known that in 2005 that record was broken and

that I was a part of it. Even if it would be broken this year or next year, I was one of the ones that had the pleasure of getting their name on the record board.

With your busy schedule consisting of practice, classes, clubs, and work how do you manage your time so well and still maintain such good grades?

Well, it's not really a point of managing your time. It just comes down to surviving long enough in a day to accomplish all that has to be done. The key is simply going to sleep early and pray that gets you through the day. Also with a very busy day, I have to write down everything I have to do or I will not get it done.

With the little free time you do have what do you do for fun?

If I am not catching up on some much needed sleep, I am probably writing a song. I have a major interest in rapping. I like to write, record and edit some songs that some of my friends and me come up with.

Music is obviously a major part of your life; do you listen to music before your swim meets?

I listen to music before every meet. I just don't swim fast without it. I listen to rap and R&B, but my favorite

is Eminem. Well he is my favorite artist - next to me of course.

Where do you see yourself in the next ten years?

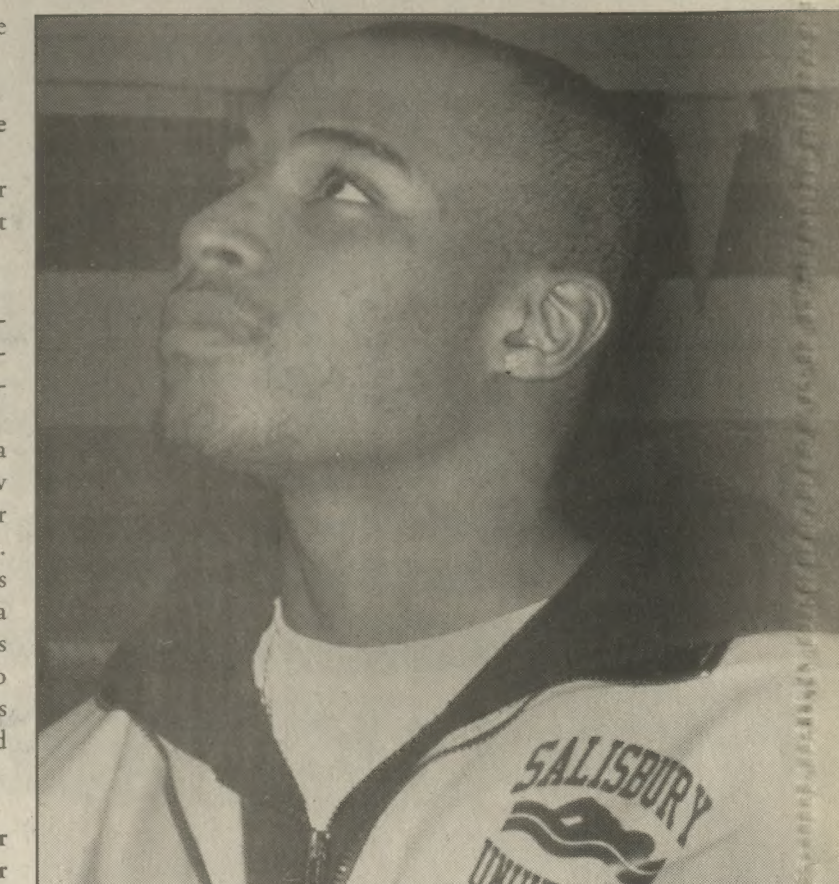
In ten years, I plan on being a major part of the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration).

I heard about the swim team controversy that happened last semester, what was your take on the situation?

Ouch, that's a tough one. It was a learning experience, we didn't know exactly what was classified under hazing, and that caused an issue. Now that the whole thing has ended, it has allowed the team a chance to not only educate ourselves about what hazing is, but has also allowed us to inform other teams and groups about the dangers and effects of hazing.

Do you have any advice for other students, who take on a similar work and activity load as you do?

Don't let the unimportant things get in the way. I know it's college and we have to have fun, but the goal for us being here is to learn. So, just dig in and get it done. Then the money we get after graduation will be the real fun.



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Junior Ralph Parker is a member of the swim team, a patrolman for University Police, part of the Outdoor club and still manages to maintain a 4.0 GPA.

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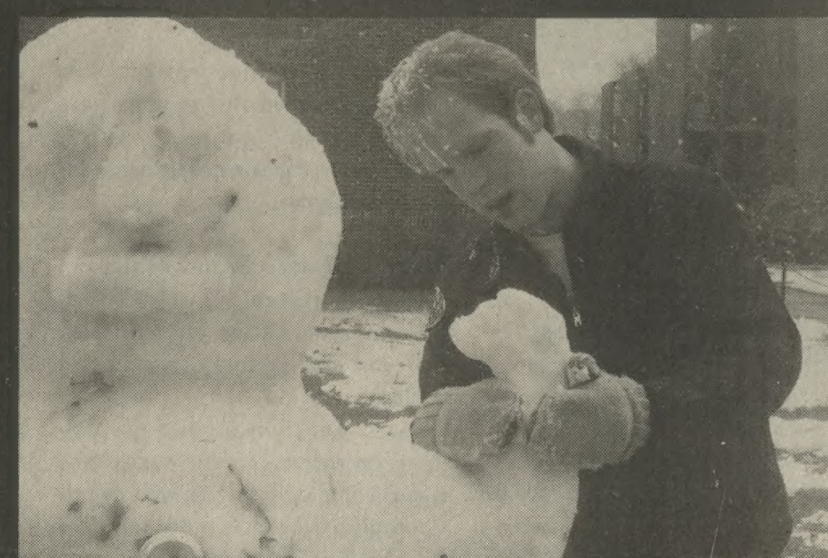


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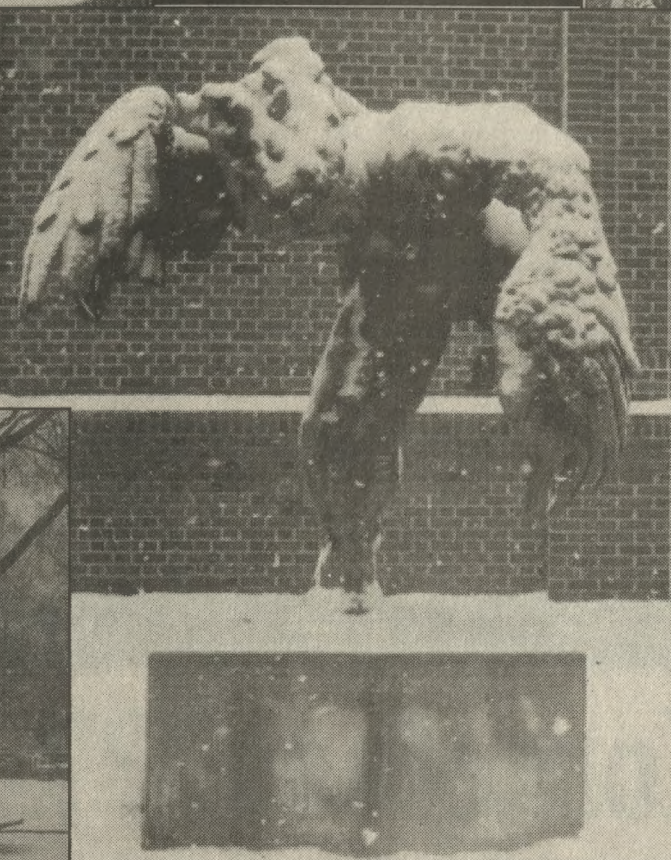


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Snoozin' in a winter wonderland

From the sports editor

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

Did you know that the Winter Olympics celebrated their Opening Ceremony on Friday? No really, they did. There was the lighting of the torch, dancers, a really long parade through the stadium of all the competitors, Bob Costas, Peter "The Sledgehammer" Gabriel, and thousands of empty seats that were cheering so loud you would've sworn it was deafening. And all this happened in a place called Turin, Italy—I mean, Torino. That's right, they changed their name for the Olympics. Like anybody cares.

But that's this year's Olympic motto, right? "Like Anybody Cares." Rolls off the tongue like meat off a rib. Okay, it's not, and I don't know what is because the Olympic organizers forgot to tell everybody, but it should be. I feel like I'm in a Cheap Seats skit.

Do you care that by the time you read this anywhere between 11-15 events will have already handed out their medals?

Do you care that American curler Scott Baird is the oldest Olympian ever at 54 years and 282 days, beating the old record set in 1948 by Britain's James Coates, who at the time was 53 years and 328 days old? Do you care that bad-boy Bode Miller may have either already won a gold or forgot to race because he got too wasted the night before and lost a fist-fight to a Yeti?

It's not like Torino or NBC (the network broadcasting the Olympics) cared about promoting the Games, either. First off, the peacock's commercials are forgettable 15-second spots, and second, nobody watches NBC anyway. Torino's lone contribution has been changing the medals from looking like cookies to resembling donuts. Who was behind that disaster, Homer Simpson?

Remember when the Olympics mattered? There was Jesse Owens making a fool of Hitler. There was Tommie Smith and John Carlos making a significant social and political statement when they gave their Black Power salute at the 1968 Summer Games. Ever heard of the Dream Team?

Two words: Nancy Kerrigan. Another two words: Lake Placid. This whole situation is actually funny. Ever since 9-11, this country's patriotism has blown up like Kayne West's career. For some people, it's considered treason to even think

about criticizing what the government says or does. Yet when it's Olympics time, the response usually is: "Hey, isn't CSI Topeka on?"

The Olympics are the ultimate patriotic experience (well, at least they are for every other country in the world), and what are the reasons why we may — and I stress may — watch this year? Is it to see if Miller makes an ass of himself? Maybe to say we actually watched hockey this year? Or could it be to find out if Michelle Kwan deserved to be put on the team even though she didn't try out? And now, she's not even competing due to groin injury, so it's a moot point.

Like Rick Pitino famously said, "The Soviets are not walking through that door. Tonya Harding is not walking through that door. The Jamaican bobsled team is not walking through that door."

Still, is that a reason to give these Games the cold shoulder?

Trust me, the rest of the world is shutting down in some type of capacity to focus on Torino for the next two weeks. The amount of Russian vodka distilleries that will be drunk out of business will correspond with how many medals they win. And God forbid if Canada beats us in hockey. We're talking about a country where not only do their citizens not want to be there (Quebec, I'm looking in your direction), but there's a good chance France could beat them in a war, and now they're going to think they're better than us? I think not, my friends.

Sure no one has any idea who most of the Olympians are; that really shouldn't matter. Most sports fans don't know half the guys on their favorite teams anyway. What should matter is that this is the one time every two years where we don't have to watch the Toronto Raptors of the world because it's the only thing going on. Right now, we can see the best the globe has to offer.

So go ahead and tune into American Idol or Survivor or whatever stupid reality show is out there. I'm going with the Olympics. Why? Because anything can happen.

Even miracles?
Yes.

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Mills proves to be key member of the women's basketball team

By Matt Petersen
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Junior guard Jessica Mills of the Salisbury women's basketball team is proving to be, in her third season, one of the team's most complete players. The Hantsville, Md. native is in the top three on the team in nearly all of the major statistical categories. She places third on the team in points (8.8), rebounds (5.5), total assists (4.2) and total steals (2.9). She is second on the team in minutes per game with 24, and in total three pointers made. She is tied for first in starts and in games played; she started all but one of the games this season so far. As a junior, Mills is excelling in her new role as a leader for the 13-8 Gulls this year. The team has two remaining conference games before the very important CAC tournament and Mills was willing to take the time to answer a few questions.

What do you think of the team and the season so far?

We got off to a good start, then after winter break we have been kind of up and down, but hopefully we get on a roll going into the playoffs.

How would you describe yourself as a player, what is your role on the team?

Coach looks to me to be an all around player and to get things started early and set the tone.

What are your strengths personally as a player?

Probably my mentality. If I make a mistake it just motivates me to pick up my game in other areas. I also try to hustle a lot.

What are the team's strengths?

We have good chemistry on and off of the court. We are also a very strong defensive team.

You record a lot of rebounds per game, how do you do this when you play a position, guard, that is not generally thought of to be a high rebounding position?

I just run to the basket. I am one of the bigger of the guards at 5' 9", so I am usually matched up with someone who is smaller than I am. Coach tells me to just crash the boards.

What is the hardest thing about playing basketball here?

It is a lot of work. We start in August and go all the way until the spring semester. Then we get two weeks off before the spring practice begins. It's a lot of time that you have to manage into your class and social schedule.



Kyle Sherman/The Flyer

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What is the best thing about playing basketball here?

The people. My teammates are my best friends. I also like the opportunity to contribute to the school.

Do you have any superstitions? I always have a miraculous medal on my shoe.

Track and Field competes fiercely at Valentine's International

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University track & field team competed at the Valentine's Invitational at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn., on Saturday, with the men taking sixth place and the women finishing eighth. The schools that they contended with included Juniata College, Messiah College, Southern Virginia University, University of Mary-Washington and Ursinus College.

The men had some really nice performances where they placed high among the strong competition. Scott Koehler took fourth in the men's 3,000-meter race with 9:06.49, Will Murdoch was third in the one-mile run with 4:35.58.

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Marcus Tines finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with 23.78 seconds, Colton Vander Vliet was fifth in the 400-meter dash with 1:00.49, and the men's 4x400 meter relay of Chris Curry, Tom Ruch, Vliet, and

Bobby Voshell took third with 3:38.80.

In addition, Eric Graves was runner-up in the 3,000-meter run with a school record of 8:54.46, breaking the 2005 record of 8:56.

"It was an exciting race," said Graves. "And we got to run against a couple of Dickinson runners that ran cross country too."

The women had some terrific performances, as well. Leading the women were Jenn Bulger was fourth in the high jump with 4'10", Jessica Carey took second in the high jump with 5'0, K.C. Gale was fourth in the shot put with 35'2.5", Casey McInerney was fourth in the mile with 5:29.93, and the 4x400 meter women's relay team took fourth with a time of 4:29.87. Also, Rachel Kapstein

was fourth overall in the pole vault with a school record of 9'0". Breaking the old record of 8'10.25". This was also Kapstein's first collegiate track meet and it was a great way to start her career with the intercollegiate competition.

The head coach, James Jones, was fairly proud of everyone's efforts at the meet: "We were just keen on some good performances, but there's still lots of work to do. And I think today we saw what we needed to improve upon."

The Sea Gulls intend to put forth more than the effort that is needed to get where they need to be in order to compete well at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

Editorial

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup: the chase is on

By Dustin Holt
Staff Writer

The Green flag is ready to drop on the 2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series with the season opening Daytona 500 less than one week away. For the second highest rated sport in North America, this is NASCAR's crown jewel race. The Daytona 500, also known as "The Great America Race", averages over 200,000 fans in attendance and had record television ratings close to 20 million viewers for the 2005 edition. The season looks as exciting as any with many questions looking to be answered. Can Tony Stewart, No. 14 Home Depot Chevrolet, repeat his dominating championship season from a year ago? Can Dale Earnhardt, Jr., No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet, and Jeff Gordon, No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet, rebound from disappointing 2005 seasons? I don't believe Stewart or any driver will have a season similar to

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poor handling cars from a newly designed Dodge Charger in 2005. He won't win the championship but four wins are within reach. The big question for Ryan Newman, No. 12 Alltel Dodge, is can he actually be nice to his new teammate Kurt Busch. Busch, who is taking over the famous No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge from recently retired NASCAR Legend Rusty Wallace, benefited from open communication with Roush Racing since 2001 but now joins an organization that includes Newman who has been known to take shots at teammates, hurting the team's performance.

The stout 2006 rookie class has been dubbed possibly the best in the history of NASCAR with talented drivers from top to bottom. The chase for rookie of the year may be as interesting as the chase for the championship. Drivers such as Martin Truex, Jr., Reed Sorenson, Clint Bowyer, David Stremme and

J.J. Yeley all could compete for several wins in 2006. Look for Truex, Jr. to win the Rookie of the Year.

If Jimmie Johnson can avoid engine failures and wrecks that have plagued his team in the past look for the driver of the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet to bring home the championship. But it will not be Johnson holding the trophy in the end. The runner up to the champion will be Greg Biffle, No. 16 National Guard Ford. Biffle had a break out season in 2005 winning a series high six races and finishing second in points. With a few breaks Biffle could be on top at the end. But my pick for champion is Jamie McMurray.

McMurray moved to a new team, Roush Racing, and will join contenders Edwards, Martin, Biffle, and Matt Kenseth as teammates. McMurray has shown in the past he can lead races, only to fade due to poor equipment from his old team. Roush Racing has the best cars in

the field, which will benefit McMurray. Also, his crew is the same crew that won the 2004 Nextel Cup Championship with Kurt Busch. Look for the fourth year driver to have a break out season in the No. 26 Crown Royal/ Sharpie Ford and to be holding the 2006 Championship trophy in November.

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Women's basketball falls to Mary Washington

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team lost to the undefeated Eagles of Mary Washington on Saturday, 72-54. The Gulls lead by as many seven points in the first half, and came within four points of the Eagles in the second half, but the fourth ranked women's team in Division III was too much for Salisbury to handle.

The Gulls (13-9, 6-6 CAC) jumped out early and gained a 7-2 lead, taking advantage of offensive rebounds and Mary Washington turnovers. The Eagles responded with a 7-0 run to grab the lead with 15:09 left in the first half. Salisbury's game plan was evident early with nearly every possession going down low to get a high percentage shot near the basket, along with playing frustrating defense on the other end of the floor.

Salisbury's biggest lead came with 10:51 left in the half after Kiera Watkins converted on both of her free throw attempts to put the Gulls up by seven at 16-9. The Gulls lead was fleeting however, with the Eagles storming back, scoring 13 unanswered points. Salisbury got within six, but went into half-time down 35-27.

The Gulls scored the first four points of the second half to pull within four, but that would be the closest Salisbury would get as Mary Washington pulled away and won by



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Marissa Manzo goes up for a shot while fighting off defenders in Saturday's game.

16. The Gulls only shot 27 percent from the field while Mary Washington was able to convert 45.5 percent of their field goals for the game.

The Gulls held a distinct advantage pulling down eight offensive rebounds which led to 17 second chance points, 11 of which came in the first half. Mary Washington's bench outscored the Gulls by a margin of 35-15.

The Sea Gulls were led by Kat Kordal who scored 15 points and gathered in nine rebounds. Kiera Watkins deposited 10 points to go along with eight rebounds, and Meghan Phillips added seven points

and two assists.

The Eagles (22-0, 12-0 CAC) were led by Debbie Bruen and Leigh Kampman who each scored 14 points, and collected six and seven rebounds respectively. Kaite Clarkin scored nine points while bringing in two rebounds and handing out two assists. Mary Washington's Liz Hickey was a force in the middle, blocking five shots to go along with eight points, two assists, and three rebounds.

The Gulls will face off with conference foe Catholic University on Wednesday at 5:30 in Maggs Gym. It is their last home game of the regular season.

Left:
Sophomore Kat Kordal takes a penalty shot during Saturday's game against Mary Washington. Mary Washington won 72 to 54

Men's basketball wins thriller in double-overtime

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

Saturday's Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) game against Mary Washington felt like a play-off game for the Salisbury men's basketball team. The Sea Gulls had to make two big plays and overcome fatigue from playing two extra periods to steal a 95-88 double-overtime win from the Eagles.

Salisbury's (13-10, 7-5) first big play came with three seconds left at the end of regulation when junior forward Rico Stewart tipped in a missed free throw from junior guard Ray Williams to send the game to overtime. Sea Gulls' senior forward Segun Odumeru made the other big play in the winding seconds of the first overtime by making a clutch three-pointer to force a second overtime which led to the victory.

The win helps the Sea Gulls' chances of gaining home court in the first round of the CAC tournament next week.

"It's a big step to getting the home court, one of the top four spots and a bigger step to playing at our potential at the biggest point of the season," said Coach Steve Holmes.

Salisbury started the game on a fast break. Odumeru caught fire early, scoring 10 of his game-high 32 points in the first four minutes, helping Salisbury gain a 22-8 lead by the midway point in the first half.

The Eagles, however, cut the lead to 24-21 about three minutes later. Salisbury got the lead back up to 34-26 at the half, but the lead almost vanished when Mary Washington cut it to 34-33 with less than two minutes into the second half.

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Throughout the second half, the Sea Gulls got a few leads up to six or eight points but Mary Washington kept coming back to even the score. Salisbury couldn't put away the Eagles before finding themselves down 67-62 with 1:33 left in regulation.

"I thought we got a little leg-weary and we got a little impatient in our shots," Holmes said.

A 3-pointer by Williams and a free throw made by the Eagles cut the score to 68-65 with 27 seconds left. Salisbury missed the game-tying 3-pointer and then got a huge break when Mary Washington missed two free throws to keep it a one-score game.

On Salisbury's last possession, the Eagles fouled Williams with 3 seconds left. Williams had to make one free throw, miss the second and hope for a tip-in to force overtime.

Williams made the first one and missed the second and got the tip-in from Stewart to force an extra five minutes of basketball.

"When I lined up, I moved to the left and I hit the left and I hit it normal and luckily Ozi [Menakaya] and Rico fought hard

for it," said Williams.

Originally, Menakaya was first to rebound the ball. Menakaya missed the tip-in but Stewart grabbed the offensive board and went on to score the equalizer.

"Ozi shot it and I thought he was going to make it and then I saw the angle and I knew he wasn't going to make it so I positioned myself to get the rebound," recalls Stewart.

Salisbury was stuck in a similar situation towards the end of the first overtime period down 80-77 with 8.7 seconds left. After a time-out, sophomore guard Gary Ward in-bounded the ball from the far side of the court and threw it the court-length to Odumeru.

Odumeru jumped to grab the ball in the corner of the court and shot a desperation 3-pointer over two Eagle defenders and nailed it forcing another overtime period.

"Gary Ward threw a good pass and I tried to throw it up there and I ended up making it," said Odumeru.

Salisbury would end up pulling away in the second overtime period, thanks in large part to those two big plays. The biggest contribution the Sea Gulls received was the 43 points scored by the bench. Stewart led the bench with a double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) while senior guard Justin Rice added 15 points off the bench.

Other starters that coincided with Odumeru's 32 points were Williams with 12 and senior forward Kyle Harmon with eight points and nine rebounds.



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Members of the men's basketball team listen up as head coach Steve Holmes pulls the team in for a huddle before the second overtime.

Salisbury Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Softball: 2 p.m.			RENT: 7 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Softball: TBA	RENT: 7 and 10 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Mens Lax: 1 p.m. Baseball: Noon Softball: TBA Tennis: Sea Gull Open	RENT: 7 and 10 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Baseball: Noon



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